

CARES ACT – FISHERIES

(Sec. 12005 of the Coronavirus Aid,
Relief, and Economic Security Act)

HISTORY

- March 27, 2020 - H.R. 748 was passed and signed by the President
- May 7th - Secretary of Commerce announced allocation of \$300 million in fisheries assistance
 - To states, tribes, and territories with coastal and marine fishery participants who have been negatively affected by COVID–19.
- NOAA Guidance:
 - May 18 – Methodology and Data
 - May 22 – Sector Percentages
- May 27 - NH initiating Workgroup Meetings
- June 2 – First Workgroup meeting/Aquaculture

CARES ACT CRITERIA

- NH resident (person, LLC, company, etc.) only.
- >35% Economic Loss compared to prior 5-year average.
- Only Fisheries Related:
 - Qualifying: Commercial Fishing, For-Hire, Aquaculture, Processors/Dealers, and “Other” Related Fishery Businesses.
 - Non-Qualifying: Further down the supply chain; such as vessel repair, restaurants, or seafood retailers.

CARES ACT CRITERIA (continued)

- **Cannot apply to other federal programs for assistance to address the same impacts resulting from COVID-19.**
- **Cannot be compensated from all federal programs combined for assistance to address COVID-19 for more than related losses. “Cannot be made more than whole of loss”.**

NH CARES ACT PACKAGE

	<i>Percentage of Total Annual Revenue (All Sectors)</i>					
Entity	<u>For-Hire Fishing</u>	Commercial Fishing and Aquaculture	Seafood Sector	Tribal Commercial Fishing, Aquaculture & For Hire	Allocation	After NOAA/ASMFC overhead
New Hampshire	4.30%	40.10%	55.60%		\$2,732,492	\$2,710,668

PRELIMINARY DATA- FOR-HIRE

4.3% of NH CARES Package

For-Hire 4.3% = \$116,558

How to Fairly Divide (Address this during Discussion)

- Party/Head Fleet = Passenger Count, ??
- Charter Fleet = Trip Count, ?????

Example Data – Charter Trips

Month	April	May	June	July	August
2015	3	24	22	23	28
2016	4	24	19	24	29
2017	13	25	31	26	28
2018	13	29	28	26	28
2019	12	29	30	27	30
2020	0	24			
Average Trips 2015-2019	9	26	26	25	29
Percent Loss 2020	-100%	-8%			
April + May 2020 Combined Loss	-32%				

Example Data - Headboat Anglers

Month	April	May	June	July	August
2015		420	726	1,494	1,733
2016		768	1,170	1,723	1,622
2017	242	585	1,014	1,851	1,676
2018	228	500	992	1,677	1,589
2019	152	555	847	1,192	824
2020	0	240			
Average Anglers 2015-2019	207	566	950	1,587	1,489
Percent Loss 2020	-100%	-58%			
April + May 2020 Combined Loss	-69%				

TASK

- Questions on CARES
- Discussion:
 - Timing of Data Review
 - Through April
 - Through May
 - Through ????????
 - Direct Payments
 - No minors
 - Cannot compensate, state, local, or tribe for lost municipal or government tax revenue
 - Only address fishery-related direct or indirect losses

TASK (Continued)

- Fishery-related Infrastructure
- Fishery-related Education
- Develop Strawman Spend Plan for For-Hire Sector of funds (Can be over 2 meetings).

Next Steps for Workgroup

- Draft Strawman Plan (1 to 2 meetings)
- Send Survey to NH Qualified Licensed For-Hire Fleet
 - Email or paper
- 2nd/3rd Meeting to Review Survey Responses
- Finalize Spend Plan
 - Associate Funding to Spend Plan

Next Steps for NHF&G

- Draft Spend Plan for all CARES Associated Fisheries
- Send Spend Plan to ASMFC and NOAA Fisheries
- Upon Approval
 - ASMFC will distribute funds to NH CARES qualifiers